

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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JUVENILE HOMES

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of juvenile homes at present in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/released by the Union Government to the State Governments for effectively running of juvenile homes during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the programme to find out the basic facilities provided in the juvenile homes in the States are adequate;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the objectives of the Juvenile Justice Programme; and
- (g) the criteria for releasing the funds for Juvenile Justice Programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme-A Programme for Juvenile Justice under which grant-in-aid is provided to the State Government/UT Administrations to meet 50 per cent of their expenditure requirements for construction and maintenance of homes under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and upkeep of the children staying in these homes. The details of homes assisted, funds released during each of last three year, state-wise, are available in the Ministry's website - www.wcd.nic.in. No separate information regarding number of homes apart from these received through proposals under the scheme, is maintained by the Ministry.

(c),(d)&(e) The Ministry has got monitoring and inspection of the homes conducted recently with the help of its officials, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations, etc. to review the basic facilities available in these homes as well as the status of implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in the State.

(f) The objectives of the scheme are:

1. To Provide for full coverage of the services contemplated under the Juvenile Act, 1986 in all the Districts so as to ensure that no child under any circumstances is lodged in Prison.
2. To evolve a system for separate handling of non-delinquent children covered under the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 vis-À-vis delinquents at various stages of their apprehension, processing and rehabilitation.
3. To bring about a qualitative improvement in the juvenile justice services on the basis of certain well-defined minimum standards.
4. To develop infrastructure for an optimum use of community based welfare agencies in the care, protection and rehabilitation of maladjusted children as contemplated in the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986.
5. To promote voluntary action for the prevention of juvenile social maladjustment and rehabilitation of socially maladjusted juveniles.

(g) The funds are released as per the norms of the schemes, to the State Government/UT Administrations in respect of the homes set up by the State Government/ UT Administrations under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and the institutions which have been declared as fit institutions under the Act by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The proposals in respect of these homes must come from the concerned State Government to the Ministry alongwith utilization certificate of previous releases as well as information of provision the State Budget for the same purpose.